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JURY FAIL TO AGREE IN AUTO DAMAGE SUIT

Heywood-Beck Jury Is Discharged After Being Out 30 Hours—Ask New Trial

The hotly-contested case of Philip K. Beck vs. Mrs. Margaret N. Heywood for alleged damages at the time of the automobile accident on the Fish Hatchery road over two years ago ended at 8:00 Tuesday night after a week's trial by the jury reporting a disagreement. The jury took the case Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, came back twice to hear some of the evidence repeated, and at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning reported to the court that they could not agree. The court sent them back for the verdict, but they could not agree, and when they came back the second time with their report Judge Fish discharged them. Attorney Seales then entered a motion with the court for a new trial.

The attorneys for the plaintiff are Seales & Graves, while the defendant is represented by Gen. J. G. Sargent and H. G. Leavens of the Ludlow firm of Stickney, Sargent & Skeels and C. A. Shields of the St. Johnsbury firm of Dunnett, Shields & Conant.

Lawyer Graves stated the case to the jury. On July 21, 1916, he said, the plaintiff was riding with other boys in an old-second hand Packard car towards the Fish Hatchery at a fair rate of speed. The car was driven by Clayton Silsby and the evidence would show that the driver slowed down to negotiate the curves. The Silsby car turned out for a team and the team turned out. As both were doing this the Heywood car came out unexpectedly on the way to St. Johnsbury. It being impossible for the team and two cars to pass at this point, the Silsby car slowed down and was forced to the right of the road so that it tipped over and went into the river. Nothing more was seen of the defendant's car which went right along. The plaintiff received serious injuries from the accident, his arm being terribly crushed. Several inches of bone had to be removed from his arm and it was over two years before the wound healed. He was in the hospital 12 weeks at first and in the two years had to undergo three operations. At present the arm is practically useless. Because of the great pain, discomfort and injury which the plaintiff claims is due to the negligence of the defendant and her chauffeur, damages are sought. Mrs. Heywood was the first witness and briefly examined by Lawyer

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Eleven Streams Used at Big Fire

Chief Harry Marden of the St. Johnsbury fire department reported that the blaze at the A. H. McLeod mill, in spite of the fact that several streams have been kept on the fire constantly since Wednesday night there is a lively blaze in the big coal bins and in the large grain hoppers. The chief hoped to drown out the fire in these places today.

Chief Marden said Friday that he used a total of 4500 feet of hose at the fire and had 11 streams of water on the blaze at one time. This is a record for fire department work in this section. The chief has been busy receiving congratulations for his good work and the work of the men at the fire.

On Thursday 12 firemen were kept on duty at the ruins, eight worked all last night and today six men were stationed there. Hundreds of people are viewing the ruins daily.

Throughout the entire fire only two lengths of hose were destroyed. These were stepped upon by horses. This is considered a remarkable record considering the amount of hose that was laid.

Chief Marden in another column of the paper expresses his thanks for the kindness shown the firemen in serving them food and for the valuable aid given by ex-firemen and citizens.

DETECTIVE WORK IN ORLEANS AND ESSEX COUNTIES

Bedell of Greensboro to Go Back to Prison—Laroche Confesses to Arson

Secretary W. H. Jeffrey of the state board of probation has asked back to state's prison Bill Bedell of Greensboro for breach of his parole. E. C. Brown, an operator of the J. R. Wood Detective Agency called on Mr. Jeffrey Saturday. Bedell is charged with several breaks in stores in Greensboro, having as his companion, one Dennis Aldrich. A quantity of loot was recovered at the house where Bedell boarded, he having supplied members of that family with rubbers, shoes, leggings and other wearing apparel in such quantities as to attract attention. Bedell is described as a past master in argument. At first he denied any knowledge of the thefts and later when confronted with the evidence he argued in justification. He is said to have admitted the various breaks. He was paroled on January 29 last and will be sent back to serve a year and a half with this other matter hanging over him when he gets out unless it is disposed of beforehand so as to send him back with "good measure." He has a wife in Quincy, Mass.

At Island Pond recently an arson case was disposed of. One Laroche and a weak-minded individual have made a confession to Detective Brown to setting fire to a Grand Trunk station in the fall of 1919. The story is that Laroche, who is 22 years of age was anxious to get married and one of the promises he made to his wife was that he would move into a new home. He was employed as station agent by the company. The agent's house is in the railroad station. The apartments did not come up to expectations. Laroche's companion in the case confessed that Laroche gave him \$5 and a promise to supply him with kerosene for the winter to set fire to the station. If the station was burned it was expected the company would build a new one and thus provide a new home. The fire was a success. However, there were complications. When the station burned it became necessary to find temporary quarters for Laroche. The section foreman was required to move from the company's house to make room for Laroche. The man who set the fire worked for the section foreman who did not like to move. He dropped a word now and then that led to an investigation.

The railroad detectives worked a year on the case. The Wood agency operative who went from the Broadwell murder investigation in Washington county to Essex county secured a confession which brought about a conviction and sentence of the guilty parties.

Another interesting case in Essex county over which State's Attorney Powell is receiving congratulations is that James Mullins a Pullman car conductor who was convicted and fined \$500 and sentenced to one year in state's prison for perjury in connection with a smuggling case which came up before Judge Howe in Montpelier some months ago.

Only Real Monument.

"Those only deserve a monument," wrote Hazlitt, "who do not need one; that is, who have raised themselves a monument in the minds and memories of men."

\$60,000 FIRE AT MCLEOD MILLING PLANT

Grain Elevators and Mills to Be Built Bigger and Better

The A. H. McLeod Milling Company plant in St. Johnsbury was partially destroyed by fire Wednesday night with a loss estimated over \$60,000. The fire was one of the most spectacular a town has ever known. The firemen made a heroic fight and saved surrounding buildings, the loss which would have been tremendous. The firemen fought the fire with the mercury several degrees below zero.

Edgar R. Brown, treasurer and manager of the plant, told a representative of the Caledonian-Record this morning that the company would rebuild as soon as possible and have a bigger and better mill. He places the loss at from \$60,000 to \$65,000, divided approximately as \$20,000 on the building, \$20,000 on the machinery and fixtures, and \$20,000 on the stock. Elevator A, which was burned, contained 40 different bins. Sixteen of these were comparatively new ones, that were built by the late A. H. McLeod and the replacement of these will run into money. Elevator A contained the loose grains—oats, corn, barley and maize, while Elevator B, the larger building that was saved was filled with flour and the sacked products.

The plant was covered by any loss by a blanket insurance policy, with the customary 80 per cent clause, and Manager Brown expects that the insurance adjusters will make a satisfactory settlement. One of the adjusters is already here. The bulk of the insurance is with grain dealers' mutual companies, though the local agents have many policies.

Mr. Brown is very appreciative of the splendid service of the firemen who confined the fire to the first building and saved the bigger elevator.

The fire was too hot to permit much examination of the ruins Thursday morning, but the big still stands in its accustomed place in the office and Mr. Brown believes its contents are intact. Some years ago to prevent any further cracks from amateur burglars, the late Mr. McLeod had iron bands placed around the safe and riveted into the foundation. This undoubtedly kept the safe in its original position in the office as all the rest of the floor has fallen into the basement.

The firemen had a welcome surprise in the evening when they were invited into the office of O. V. Hooker & Son in relays where Mrs. S. J. Somerville, Mrs. Henry W. Ellis and other good ladies made hot coffee. The ladies of the North church sent down all that was left over from their church supper which included rolls, scalloped potatoes and other good things which were greatly appreciated.

Until their affairs are more straightened out the offices of the A. H. McLeod Milling Co. will be in the office of O. V. Hooker & Son with the old telephone number of the McLeod mill.

The buildings that were burned Wednesday night stand on the spot where Jonathan Arnold, the founder of St. Johnsbury, put up the first grist mill in town in 1787. The place was known as the Arnold falls until 1817 when Capt. James Ramsey came along and took the grist mill. He set up a carding mill and later established a sawmill. The place was known for the next 20 years as Ramsey's mills. In 1871 Angus H. McLeod bought the mill and greatly developed it. About a dozen years ago Mr. McLeod's interests were purchased by J. H. Brooks and Arthur R. Brooks. In February, 1918, the property was sold to the present owners. The officers of the company today are R. L. Brown of the Berkshire Coal & Grain Company, North Adams, Mass., president; S. T. Donahoe of Williams & Donahoe, grain brokers, Boston; vice-president; Edgar R. Brown of St. Johnsbury, treasurer and manager. Both R. L. Brown and Mr. Donahoe are coming here as soon as possible to confer about the property loss and the rebuilding of the plant.

The fire was discovered on the second floor of the main part of the mill just before 8 o'clock. J. H. Needham was at work in a room over the business office when he smelled smoke. A small fire was burning in a stove in the room. The smoke was coming from the floor above. He notified Henry Brady, the superintendent, and they rushed to the floor above. Mr. Brady used a fire extinguisher and overcame the flames about the chimney. But it was discovered that the fire had already gained headway in a partition beside the chimney running to the top of the building. In a few minutes the

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What could be more appropriate for a Christmas gift than the Weekly Caledonian delivered to any address you may designate in this country for \$1.00 for the year. This gift is a constant reminder of spirit of the giver. It comes bright and fresh every week for 52 weeks in the year. It teems with news of your home town and of your own home folks.

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The price of the Weekly Caledonian advances to \$1.50 a year after January 1st. If you are now a subscriber it will pay you to renew your subscription at once.

MEMORIAL SERVICE BY ELKS LODGE

St. Johnsbury Lodge, No. 1343, B. P. O. Elks held their annual memorial service in the Odd Fellows hall Sunday evening. There was a large attendance of members and friends and during the service a splendid address was given by Lawyer J. Rolf Seales. Instrumental music was furnished by Sargent's orchestra and the exercises were in charge of C. Roy Calderwood, Past Exalted Ruler.

Mr. Calderwood was assisted by the following members of the order: Esquire Harry W. Winters; Est. Leading Knight, Dr. Frederick O. Moore; Est. Loyal Knight, H. P. Oliver; Est. Lecturing Knight, W. A. Ricker; Secretary, F. W. Magoon; chaplain, Walter Palmer.

One of the most impressive features of the service was the ceremony in memory of former members of the lodge who have died since the lodge was established. None of the members have died the past year, but those for whom memorial service was held were Dr. Henry A. Folsom, Arthur B. Carr, both of St. Johnsbury and Albert F. Gilmore of Derby Line. As the name was called taps were sounded by the Bugler and the Esquire advanced to the front and blew out a candle.

The service opened with a selection by the orchestra and the officers marched in as the orchestra played "Onward, Christian Soldiers." A portion of the memorial service followed and then Mrs. Collins A. Brodwin gave a choice rendition solo. Mr. Seales' address came next and Paul Farnham gave a fine solo. The final part of the memorial service and a selection by the orchestra closed a most impressive service.

Following is the address of J. Rolf Seales, Esq., in full: "It is eminently fitting and altogether meet, since the present year with its joys and its sorrows is presently to forever pass away, that the members of this Lodge and their families and friends meet as hundreds of thousands of others throughout this broad land are meeting tonight, for the purpose of showing our appreciation for the blessings bestowed upon us by the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Universe to pleasantly remember the lives of our departed brothers and to mourn their passing."

"When our dear departed brothers, Henry A. Folsom, Arthur B. Carr and Albert F. Gilmore were taken from us and their families, in the very morning of their lives, only so far lived as to have proven their great worth, it seemed to us untimely. They had not passed on life's highway the stone that marks the highest point, but, being wary for a moment, lay down by the wayside, and, using their burdens for a pillow fell into that dreamless sleep that kisses down their eyelids still."

"While yet in love with life and raptured with the world, they passed to silence and pathetic dust." "It has been aptly said that 'Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless life of the unrelenting dead there comes no word; but in the night of death hope sees a star, and listening love hears the rustle of a wing.'"

"Sweet as the tender fragrance that survives, When martyred flowers breathe out their little lives, Sweet as a song that once consoled our pain, But never will be sung to us again, Is thy remembrance, how the hour of rest Hath come to thee. Sleep, 'Brothers', it is best."

"It is best my friends, because it is the will and the act of that 'Su-

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POWER PLANT PROJECTED AT 15 MILE FALLS

C. W. Ruth of Boston, mechanical engineer for Stone & Webster, the great construction firm, went to Waterford today to inspect the preliminary work that is being done at the foot of the Fifteen Mile Falls. Here a force of a dozen men have been working for the past few weeks sounding, diamond drilling and surveying for a dam that will be built a part of the largest hydro-electric power station in Vermont. If the construction company find that the dam will not cost too much, and a market can be found for the electric current, a concrete dam will be constructed in 1920 that will be the last word in such construction and will develop 7,000 horse power. It is not all improbable that if this great project is carried out mills and factories miles from the Fifteen Mile Falls will be able to use electricity for their power instead of soft coal, which has already become very difficult to procure.

The new dam is not connected in any way with the recent real estate sales in McIndoes, except that it is understood that these sales have been made with the intention of establishing a large manufacturing plant at McIndoes. If this is done it is likely that the power for the new plant will be obtained from the new dam.

The real estate boom at McIndoes and the preliminary work on the Connecticut river have produced the wildest rumors and Henry Ford's name has been most frequently mentioned as being the one interested in the proposed McIndoes development. The promoters of the McIndoes property are not known and it will be the policy of the Caledonian-Record to give its readers the news rather than the street gossip, and when anything definite develops our readers will be fully informed.

ISLAND POND DEER HUNTER IS KILLED

Alexander McKee, a conductor on the Grand Trunk, railroad died at Sherbrooke Hospital as the result of wounds received when he was accidentally shot in the woods near Wenlock by Orange E. Hunt of Charlestown.

The shooting took place at 2:50 Wednesday afternoon on the Tete Road in Wenlock about a mile from the main highway. With Hunt at the time was Charles Whitehill also of Charlestown. Seeing a shadow which he believed to be that of a deer, Hunt fired his 203 Savage rifle and McKee was struck in the abdomen. He managed to gasp "You got me all right," and then sank in a heap on the ground. The two men lost their heads and instead of going to McKee's aid they ran for help. McKee lay on the ground where he fell for nearly two hours before the hunters returned with a team.

McKee was removed to the Wenlock station and thence to his home in Island Pond. It was decided to rush him to the Sherbrooke hospital. A car was attached to a light engine and race against death was started. Dr. Lynch performed an operation on McKee as soon as he arrived but the man died on the operating table.

The body was removed to Island Pond and an autopsy performed by Medical Examiner Stone. Hunt made a full statement on the shooting to States Attorney Claire R. Powell of Island Pond.

Death of Mrs. Harrington In Charlestown, Mass.

Mrs. Rosie S. Harrington, widow of the late Samuel Harrington of Walden died on Friday, Nov. 28, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson M. Wood in Charlestown, Mass. The body was brought to St. Johnsbury for interment in Mt. Pleasant cemetery and prayers were offered at the grave by Rev. George A. Martin. Among those present at the funeral service were Dr. and Mrs. Nelson M. Wood of Charlestown, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Kimball of Lyndonville and friends of other days. The floral offerings were very beautiful and bore testimony to the respect and affection of those who were privileged to know her.

Mrs. Kimball is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Nelson M. Wood, her son, Fred Harrington of Melrose and her brother, Fred R. Kimball of Lyndonville.

HOW DO YOU STAND ON THE LEAGUE SITUATION

League to Enforce Peace Asks Caledonian-Record to Ballot This Section

The League to Enforce Peace of which former President William Howard Taft is the head wishes to reach the people of the country as to how they stand upon the Peace Treaty situation.

A letter from the league to this paper says: "The deadlock in Washington promises to continue indefinitely unless the people declare overwhelmingly and unmistakably in favor of a compromise. They must go further than this, and indicate the kind of compromise they desire."

"The daily press furnishes the only machinery that can get such an expression from the people. A vote of newspaper readers will accomplish this purpose if it is undertaken on a national scale and the issue is presented clearly and fairly."

"Several newspapers already have begun such a ballot. We urge you to join them and to forward the final result of your vote to this office."

"We enclose a suggestion for a ballot to be printed in your paper every day for one week."

The Caledonian-Record is glad to aid so great an organization as the League to try and get the country out of the disagreeable and unsatisfactory position it now finds itself in. We print the enclosed ballot which we wish our readers would sign and return so that we can forward the balloting of Northeastern Vermont to the League to Enforce Peace. Sign today.

THE PEACE TREATY Following the armistice, the representatives of 28 nations, including our own, drew up and signed at Paris a Peace Treaty with Germany, Part I being the League of Nations Covenant. This was also signed under compulsion by Germany.

During the special session of Congress that ended on Nov. 19 a series of 15 reservations to this Treaty and Covenant was adopted by the Senate on recommendation of the Foreign Relations Committee. When the ratifying resolution came to a vote of the Senate, however, a two-thirds majority being necessary for adoption, it was defeated; 41 Senators voted to ratify with reservations, 39 to ratify without any reservations, while 15 voted

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COUNTY BAR HOLD BANQUET AND MEETING

Memorials to Judge Smith and Lawyer Mulcahy and Address by Judge Fish

The annual meeting of the Caledonia County Bar Association was held at the New Avenue hotel in St. Johnsbury Tuesday evening. An excellent supper was served by Landlord Palmer and Walter A. Dutton of Hardwick presided at the postprandial exercises which included an address by Judge Frank L. Fish, a memorial sketch on Walter P. Smith, prepared by Alexander Dunnett and read by Charles A. Shields, a memorial sketch on Bernard J. Mulcahy, prepared and read by Walter A. Dutton.

The following officers were elected: President, Walter A. Dutton; vice president, J. Rolf Seales; secretary and treasurer, Guy W. Hill; directors, Alexander Dunnett, David E. Porter and James B. Campbell.

The fee bill committee, consisting of J. Rolf Seales, Harry W. Winters and David E. Conant, reported a fee bill which was adopted.

At the meeting Tuesday night, Oscar L. Shepard of the firm of Dutton & Shepard of Hardwick, was elected to membership. All the lawyers in active practice in Caledonia county are members of the association. The members of the bar who are not members are A. J. Kimball and A. B. Thomas of Hardwick, and P. A. Smith of Groton. The association now has 32 members and they are as follows:

Harry Blodgett, Harvey Burbank, Brian Brown, James B. Campbell, David S. Conant, Sumner E. Darling, Jr., W. A. Dutton, Alexander Dunnett, George C. Frye, Joseph Fairbanks, Joseph T. Gleason, Arthur L. Graves, Hugh W. Hastings, Guy W. Hill, Harland B. Howe, Henry C. Ide, Jutta A. Longmore, Melvin G. Morse, Albro F. Nichols, Nathan A. Norton, Frank M. Page, David E. Porter, Loren E. Partridge, Samuel E. Richardson, Leighton P. Slack, J. Rolf Seales, Oscar L. Shepard, Wendell P. Stafford, Charles A. Shields, William H. Taylor, Harry W. Winters, Walter W. Wesley.

Hugh W. Hastings now resides at Bradford, but retains his membership in the Caledonia County Bar Association.

Taking as his subject "The Antiquities of the Law" Judge Fish said in the opening that all agreed with the President in at least one thing; "that is easier to make war than to make peace." He said that following in the wake of the war there had never been so many questions from a lawyer's standpoint for consideration and determination. These included the League of Nations, the question of capital and labor, the recent events in Mexico, the 18th amendment to the constitution, the question before the Supreme court as to whether war-time prohibition is still in force, the spread of propaganda intended for the overthrow of the established order.

Judge Fish in speaking next of the advantages of organizations of lawyers, spoke more at length of the influence of the American Bar association, giving personal impressions of the meetings he had attended. These included the address of Lord Chief Justice Russell of England at the Saratoga gathering in 1896, the meeting at Montreal just before the war when Lord Haldane, the Chan-

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